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ALLARD PRAISES SPIRIT OF FORT CARSON ARMY CAPTAIN DAVID ROZELLE

Soldier loses leg in Iraq, remains in Army and prepares to redeploy

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard Tuesday made the following statement praising U.S. Army Capt. David Rozelle during remarks supporting the FY 2005 supplemental appropriations bill:

“Our men and women in our armed forces are the real heroes in this conflict. They have fought and sacrificed for our country, and tragically, some have paid the ultimate price. Today, nearly 200,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines are deployed in hot spots around the world. They continue to take the fight to the enemy and defeat him wherever he appears. Our men and women in uniform are determined and ready.

“I have visited our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. I have seen with my own eyes their commitment and determination. They believe in what they are doing. They know they are making a difference.

“I am reminded those who have already sacrificed much, but yet, have not given up and remain committed to their duty. Soldiers like Army Captain David Rozelle have been an inspiration to me and many other Coloradans.

While on patrol last year in Iraq, Captain Rozelle lost a leg when an anti-tank mine went off nearby. After several surgeries and intense physical therapy, Captain Rozelle rebuilt and retrained his muscles. He conducted four-hour sessions of daily exercise, including mountain biking, weight lifting, swimming, and climbing. Six months after his last surgery Captain Rozelle was skiing down the slopes of the Colorado Rockies. But the story does not end here

“Now, just over a year later, Captain Rozelle is still in the Army. He commands the headquarters company of the 3rd Armored Cavalry and is preparing to deploy with the unit to Iraq this spring. It is Captain Rozelle’s relentlessness, his call to duty, and his determination to defend our great nation that tells me that our forces are strong and that victory remains the only option.

“Our men and women deployed in combat are not the only heroes. I cannot fully express my admiration for the families of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. For months at a time, military families are asked to hold everything together and support their loved one overseas. They have done this and have done it with pride.

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